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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase of
PCT/EP00/01200

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Application No.: Not yet assigned

Filed: Herewith

For: DEFORMABLE FIBERSCOPE
WITH A DISPLACEABLE
SUPPLEMENTARY DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 13.

Please substitute the following amended, clean versions of the indicated claims (a marked-up version of the changes to the claims is attached to this Amendment):

3. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with claim 1, characterised in that the holding device has at the distal end of the fibroscope part (11) for the acceptance of the additional instrument (25) a loop (27) to engage around the additional instrument (25) and whose free length can preferably be actively modified.

5. (amended) An endoscope in accordance with claim 1, characterised in that a groove (49) or a holding clamp (53), (on the one hand,) and a corresponding rail (47) or

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